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Governor Musgrove: Digital Divide Closing in Mississippi

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today said the decision by BellSouth to extend its digital subscriber line (DSL) service throughout the entire state was a clear signal that the digital divide was closing in Mississippi. BellSouth announced it would take advantage of legislation signed in the 2003 legislative session by Musgrove that provides tax incentives to providers of broadband services.

"This is a win-win situation for everyone involved," Musgrove said. "Our people will benefit from access to the information superhighway, and business and industry will have the technological infrastructure they require to be competitive in the global marketplace."

Musgrove signed the Mississippi Broadband Technology Development Act on April 19, 2003.

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